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SUBJECT: NPG: DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR SPRING 1978
MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF
COVER NOTE AND DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE FOR THE
APRIL 18-19 NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DENMARK.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PRIOR TO
MARCH 31 ON ACCEPTABILITY OF THE TEXT AND PROPOSED
TIMING FOR ISSUE OF THE PRESS RELEASE. ADDITIONALLY,
PLEASE ADVISE IF WASHINGTON PLANS TO MAKE A RELEASE
SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH NATO HEADQUARTERS.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF COVER NOTE:

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN

1. ATTACHED IS THE TEXT, IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, OF A
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PROPOSED ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THE FORTHCOMING
NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING IN FREDERIKSHAVN, DENMARK, ON
18TH AND 19TH APRIL, 1978. THE TEXT CLOSELY FOLLOWS THE
LANGUAGE USED IN FORMER PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS PRIOR TO
NPG MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. AS ON PAST OCCASIONS, THE
RELEASE COULD BE MADE A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING TAKES
PLACE; ACCORDINGLY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT

BE MADE IN BRUSSELS ON FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1978, AT 4:00 PM
LOCAL TIME, WITH SIMULTANEOUS ADDITIONAL RELEASE IN THE
CAPITALS OF THOSE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHICH SO DESIRE.

2. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE STAFF GROUP DISCUSS THE
DRAFT TEXT AND SUGGESTED RELEASE TIMING AT ITS MEETING
ON 20TH MARCH. STAFF GROUP MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRIES
PARTICIPATING IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ARE REQUESTED
AFTER THEIR INITIAL DISCUSSION TO OBTAIN THEIR NATIONAL
AUTHORITIES' APPROVAL OF THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND
TIMING OF THE RELEASE, INFORMING THE DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR
PLANNING NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1978.
INFORMATION ON WHETHER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES PLAN TO MAKE
A SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN THEIR CAPITALS WOULD ALSO BE
APPRECIATED.

END TEXT OF COVER NOTE.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE:

THE NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP OF NATO CURRENTLY CONSISTING
OF THE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE OF BELGIUM, DENMARK, THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, TURKEY, THE UNITED
KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES WILL HOLD ITS TWENTY-THIRD
MINISTERIAL MEETING IN FREDERIKSHAVN, DENMARK, ON
18TH AND 19TH APRIL, 1978, UNDER THE CHAIARMSHIP OF
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MR. JOSEPH M.A.H. LUNS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO.

END TEXT OF DRAFT ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE.

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